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In re Application of
Karen Uhlmann et al
Application No. 10/823,784
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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed on January 11, 2006 to make the above-identified application special based on developing treatments and cures for HIV/AIDS or cancer as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section X.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

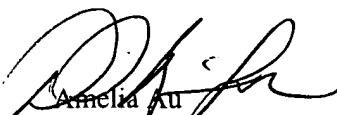
A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02, Section X: Inventions Relating to HIV/AIDS or cancer, must be accompanied by (1) the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h); and (2) a satisfactory statement explaining how the invention contributes to the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of HIV/AIDS or cancer.

The instant petition includes a statement explaining the present invention's contribution to the diagnosis / prevention of cancer. "Methylation of nucleotides is a key element of epigenetic control of genomic information in mammals." "The invention is directed at the detection of the methylation status of nucleotides, such as CpG dinucleotides, and diagnosis of cancer or a predisposition therefore via such detection." Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at 571-272-3210.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1634 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.


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